RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 3rd August, 1998/12 Shravana, 1920 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Shri Devi Lai (Haryana)
2. Shri Swaraj Kaushal (Haryana)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shri Kashiram Rana, I beg to lay on the Table—

Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the National Textile Corporation Ltd., New Delhi and Carpet Export Promotion Council Noida (U.P.) and related papers.

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Textile Corpo-ation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments 3f the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the iVorking of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

[Placed in Library, for I & II *See* No. LT * 1453^8]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Carpet Export Promotion Council, Noida (U.P.), for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at *(^* above.

[Placed in *See* No. LT 810/98]

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Prasar Bharat! (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Amendment Bill, 1998.

SECRETARY-GfeNERAL: Sir, I beg to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

> "In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Amendment Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 31st July, 1998."

Sir, I lay the Bill on the Table.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know....

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, the matter is agitating the minds...

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Begnal): Sir, I want to know whether they are going to bring here the Prasar Bharati Bill or not. It has been passed by the Lok Sabha. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why are you crossing each other? Both of you are from the same party. I do not know why you are crossing each other.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Sir, on Friday, the Bill has been passed by the Lok Sabha. It is due to be discussed in Rajya Sabha. We are really waiting for a discussion on the Prasar Bharati Bill. Let the Government indicate whether it will be today or tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. When are they going to bring it in the House? As far as we are